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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

DATE: April 20, 2005

EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE
POLICY ASSESSMENT
DISPOSITION SHEET

FILE NO: #2117965

FROM: JOHNNY G. JURADO, COMMANDER
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TO: KARYN MANNIS, CAPTAIN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SUBJECT: DEAVILLE, CHRISTOPHER, DEPUTY #[redacted] LANCASTER STATION, FOR I
WATTERS, CHADNEY, DEPUTY #[redacted] LANCASTER STATION, FOR I

On May 4, 2004, Deputies Deaville and Watters responded to a family disturbance call. Upon arrival, the suspect, Luis Delgado, was found in front of the location armed with a knife. The suspect ignored repeated commands to drop the knife and walked toward the deputies. The deputies backed away and the suspect changed directions. Additional deputies began to arrive, and Deputy Deaville requested someone deploy a Taser. Deputy Richard Cartmill retrieved a Taser from his patrol car and attempted to fire it. The Taser cartridge failed to fire, and Deputy Cartmill ran back to his car to retrieve another Taser cartridge. While Deputy Cartmill was leaning into his patrol car with his back to Delgado, Delgado began to advance on Deputy Cartmill, still holding the large butcher knife. Both Deputy Deaville and Deputy Watters ordered the suspect to stop, and when he neared within 10 feet of Deputy Cartmill, both deputies fired their handguns at Delgado. Deputy Deaville fired five 9mm rounds at Delgado, and Deputy Watters fired three 9mm rounds. Delgado stepped backward and fell to the ground. Delgado suffered eight gunshot wounds and was later pronounced dead.

On January 27, 2005, the Executive Force Review Committee convened and conducted a review regarding the facts of this case. The applicable policies that were evaluated by the committee were: 3-01/025.00, Use of Force; 3-01/025.30, Use of Firearms and Deadly Force; 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force; and 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards. Concerning:

3-01/025.00, Use of Force, 3-01/025.30, Use of Firearms and Deadly Force, and 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by both deputies was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy.

3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards, the Committee determined that the tactics employed by all personnel in this incident were within Department Policy. The Committee directed the Unit Commander conduct a tactical debriefing with the involved personnel.

Johnny G. Jurado, Commander

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